

Minutes of the Centerville City Council **work session** held Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Whitaker Museum, 168 North Main Street, and City Hall Council Chambers, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Paul A. Cutler

Council Members Ken S. Averett
Tamilyn Fillmore
John T. Higginson
Stephanie Ivie
Lawrence Wright

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Thacker, City Manager
Blaine Lutz, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Jacob Smith, Management Assistant
Judge David Miller, Centerville Municipal Court
Neal Worsley, Centerville Police Chief
Randy Randall, Public Works Director
Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

WHITAKER MUSEUM BOARD

Spence Packer, Chair
Nancy Smith, Vice Chair
Diane Chamberlain
Bridget Lee

OTHERS PRESENT

Lisa Sommer, Museum Director
Lisa Buckmiller, Docent
Dorothy Hope, Docent
Marilyn Jensen, Docent

WHITAKER MUSEUM BOARD BUDGET PRESENTATION

Following a welcome by Spence Packer, Chair of the Whitaker Museum Board, and a prayer offered by Councilman Higginson, the Council and staff were served a light dinner at the Whitaker Museum. Docent Dorothy Hope briefly described her experiences at the Whitaker Museum and reported on the number of volunteer hours that have been contributed by members of the community. Docent Marilyn Jensen presented a history of the Whitaker family and the Whitaker home, and reported visitor statistics for the Museum. Docent Lisa Buckmiller, who also works for the Utah Division of State History, explained that Centerville's willingness to match grant funds, and the City's follow-through with grant projects, is appreciated by the Division of State History. A slideshow was shown highlighting tours and events at the Museum. Lisa Sommer, Museum Director, reported on events at the Whitaker Museum in the past year as well as events planned for the coming year.

Chair Packer reported on grant activity, and explained that the Board is interested in participating in the 2015 Centennial Celebration. He suggested the theme of "Through the Ages" and described the Board's idea that they highlight different aspects of the City's history at the Museum each month in 2015. Mayor Cutler responded the Council would support Museum Board members playing an active part on the Centennial Committee. Chair Packer said the Whitaker Museum Board has discussed the possibility of hosting a book signing for the Centennial Book.

1 Lisa Sommer explained the need for a sign in front of the Museum. Vice Chair Nancy
2 Smith described some of the Board's long-term goals. Lisa Sommer expressed appreciation to
3 City staff for their support.
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5 At 5:50 p.m. the Council left the Whitaker Museum and returned to City Hall for the
6 remainder of the work session, which resumed at 6:05 p.m.
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8 **COURT PRESENTATION**

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10 Judge David Miller expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve in Centerville,
11 and answered questions from the Council regarding operations of the Court. He reported that
12 revenues of the Court exceed expenses. Judge Miller and Chief Worsley discussed challenges
13 specific to Centerville at this time.
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15 **POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION**

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17 Police Chief Neal Worsley reviewed the Police Department's mission statement, staffing
18 structure, and strategic goals. He expressed a desire for the Police Department to be able to be
19 more proactive in the community, and explained that the requested additional officer would help
20 make that possible. Councilman Wright asked if the Chief has considered adding a part-time
21 employee who could focus on completing paper work for the existing officers to give them more
22 time on the street. Chief Worsley responded that completing office work has not been a
23 problem. The Department needs another trained and certified officer to cover street shifts.
24 Councilman Higginson commented it would be helpful for the Council to have statistics and
25 ratios of police officers to residents to consider. Chief Worsley responded that information is
26 being compiled and will be supplied to the Council as part of the budget process. Councilman
27 Wright stated his opinion that the Department should consider utilizing reserve officers to save
28 money and still provide the type of policing needed. In response to a question asked by
29 Councilwoman Fillmore, Chief Worsley explained that currently when an officer is not able to fill
30 a shift, another officer, who possibly already worked a full day, is brought in to fill the shift, and
31 overtime is paid. Chief Worsley briefly explained the Department's equipment needs included in
32 the 2014-2015 Budget request. He reported that he has researched the idea of leasing police
33 vehicles and found that, in the long-run, leasing is more expensive than purchasing. He will
34 have further information on lease versus purchase in the future. Councilman Wright stated he
35 feels it is important for planning purposes that an accurate list of Police Department assets be
36 available.
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38 **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION**

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40 Randy Randall, Public Works Director, updated the Council on Public Works Department
41 vehicle needs, and suggested the City should budget funds (\$50,000 per year) to eventually
42 upgrade the water telemetry operating system. He presented the Street Department 2014-2015
43 Equipment Expense Request, and answered questions from the Council.
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45 **ADJOURNMENT**

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47 Mayor Cutler adjourned the work session at 6:56 p.m.
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Marsha L. Morrow, City Recorder

Date Approved

Katie Rust, Recording Secretary